

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Happy Anniversary Grace United.

Blessings All,

This Sunday at church we will celebrate the 52nd Anniversary of Grace United. This made me begin to think about what has changed in the last 52 years. Here are few things that I found in my google search that made me ponder:

- ♦ We now use e-transfer and debit cards – but maybe we remember when it was only cash, and you needed to go to the bank to make a withdrawal. The first ATM machine was introduced 1969.
- ♦ In an era when we hear about paid flights that orbit in space – perhaps we can remember the first moon landing in 1969.
- ♦ Although now acceptable to see interracial couples on screen, Star Trek broke barriers with the first inter- racial kiss on screen in 1968.
- ♦ The first heart transplant was performed in 1969 – now there are about 3500 successful operations saving lives world wide.
- ♦ The Environment Protection Agency was formed in 1970, but it wasn't until this year, 2021, that a clean environment became a UN Human Right.
- ♦ Music today is streamed and played using Wi-Fi – but the first Cassette player was breaking ground in 1972.
- ♦ Some of us take our laptops for granted, but the first PC computers were only introduced to the home in 1981.
- ♦ Most of us now carry a cell phone but the first digital cell phone wasn't introduced until 1988.
- ♦ 1990, apartheid was finally disbanded in S Africa – and yet we still needed a Black Lives Matter movement in 2020.
- ♦ Gay marriages were finally legalized in Canada in 2005, more than 30 years after the decriminalization of any homosexual acts between consenting adults.

Perhaps some of these things make you stop and think too? The world is always changing, and I am proud to be part of the United Church that has always been known to take a lead role in moving forward with social justice and change. No-one has a crystal ball to know what the next 52 years will be like, but one thing we can be sure is that things will change – and that God will walk with us through these changes.

Peace, Rev. Gail

Upcoming Services and Dates:

ALL SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ON GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL, WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE:

www.graceunitedtavistock.com

Oct. 24th: 10:30 am Worship Service 'Anniversary Sunday', Guest speaker Tavistock Assistance Program Director Deb Wagler

2:00 pm Adult Fellowship Group

Oct. 26th: 9:00 - 12:00 pm Food for Friends Cooking in the kitchen

10:30 am Service at the Maples Nursing Home

Oct 27th: 2:00 - 4:00 pm Food for Friends Community Pick Up

7:00 pm Care and Communion Team meeting - Knox Parlour

Oct. 31st: 10:30 am Intergenerational Sunday 'Fear Factor'

11:45 am Congregational Meeting

Great Grace Pie and Bake Auction follows

Nov. 2nd: 6:00 pm M and P

Nov. 3rd: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit, Stay n' Crochet

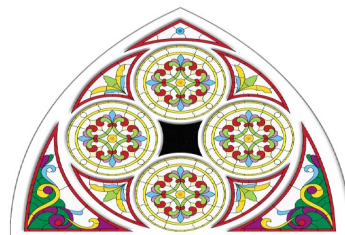
Nov. 7th: 10:30 am Worship Service - Remembrance Sunday

Nov. 14th: 10:30 am Worship Service 'The Power to Dream'

Nov. 21st: 10:30 am Intergenerational Children's Sunday

Project Good Tidings

Nov. 28th: 10:30 am Worship Service with Communion - Advent One



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Paper and cleaning products collection for TAP

This Sunday, our guest speaker will be Deborah Wagler from TAP. In past few weeks, your pastoral care and outreach committee have invited you to drop off paper and cleaning products for the Tavistock Assistance Program, such as toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, diapers, cleaning and dishwashing products.



This Sunday, we invite you **to bring any donations into worship.** They will be brought forward as part of our Minute for Mission. Also, the membership of Grace Session are inviting you to bring in any loose change, or if you wish, to mark your offering envelope for TAP.



As always, if you are unable to come in, but would still like to contribute, call Bev Neeb at 519 655-2695 and she will be happy to pick up your items.

OCT 31st Intergenerational Service

‘FEAR FACTOR’

Please join us for our fun and interactive worship service in Zion Hall (first one since our return to church!)

Children – please wear your Halloween costumes!

There will be **CRAFTS** and **TREAT BAGS**

And don’t forget

THE GRACE GREAT BAKE AUCTION TOO!



Get Baking Bakers

The Grace Fundraising team is organizing a Baking Auction on Oct 31st after church in Zion Hall. It’s a chance to come together to have some fun, raise some funds, and snap up your favorite dessert!

Gary West will be our auctioneer.

We are looking for some tasty baking to auction off. Pies, cookies, muffins, cakes – anything yummy! If you can contribute something for the auction -please let the team know by leaving a message (519 655 2151) or sending an email to the office (graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com)

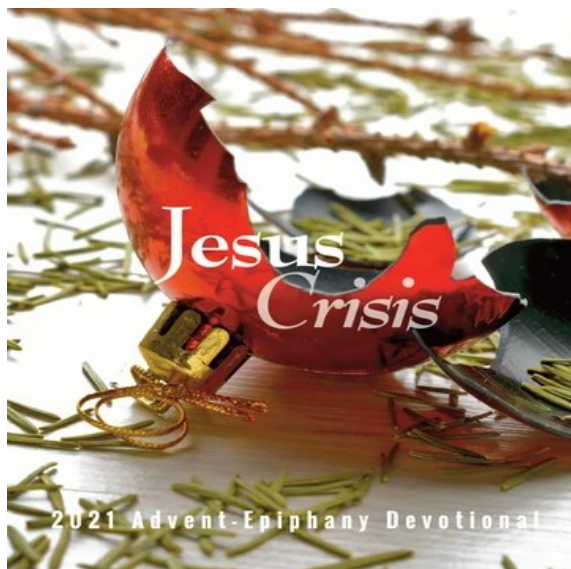


All donations can be dropped off at the church on Saturday 30th 2-4pm, or on Sunday 31st 9-10am. Please clearly label all items with your name and contact number in order to comply with Health and Safety regulations.

Do you have a prayer request?

"In all things let your requests be known to God in prayer." (Philippians 4:6)

Grace has a group of wonderful and dedicated people that form a prayer chain. If you, or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please reach out to our Minister, Rev. Gail, or to the chair of Grace PCO, Bev Neeb, and we will begin praying for you.



AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Advent is almost here!

It has been a year of crisis, but let's journey together in hope!

This wonderful devotional has a short scripture, and a reflection for each day of Advent. You can take your time to read them at home, knowing that others are reading too. **The cost is just \$8 each.**

Please let Rev Gail know if you would like to order one by calling or emailing the office. The order will be placed on November 12th.

<i>A mini monthly financial update for the month of September</i>	Month of	Sep	
		2020	2021
	Core Receipts	7,902	8,015
	Other Donations	1,000	10,362* ^{*Bequest} 10,000
	Misc. Receipts	12,4008* ^{*funeral donations}	1,955
	Total Receipts	21,302	20,332
	Expenses	8,706	9,932
	Surplus/Deficit	12,596	10,400

Anniversary Sunday is coming up on 24th October. 52 Years is something to celebrate!

As you may know, we usually have special Anniversary Offering Envelopes to celebrate this occasion. We all approved for \$8500 in Anniversary givings in the 2021 budget. If you are able, we are encouraging you to give a little bit extra to help us meet our budgeted goal. We are inviting you to use the special blue envelope and return it on the offering plate on Sunday, my mail, or drop by the office. You can also make a special donation using E-transfer, please send to gracetavistockdonation@rogers.com (password: Grace1980), make sure to include in the message 'Anniversary Offering'. Thank you for your support of our special Anniversary offering.

Message from Ministry and Personnel

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee acts under the guidelines of *The Manual* of the United Church of Canada. The committee functions around three roles, which are the consultative and supportive role, the healthy relationship role, and the supportive role. We provide resources and support for the staff and the community of faith with respect to any issue affecting staff of our church, including ministry personnel and lay employees. The committee works to build positive and trusting relationships between staff and members and adherents of the community of faith.

If members of the community of faith have praise or concerns about staff, both ministry personnel and lay employees, these can be shared in signed correspondence with the committee. The issues will be considered confidentially by the M&P Committee, who will recommend action.

Grace United Church is blessed with staff who are committed to their work and we are thankful for this work in our community of faith.

Presently serving on the committee are Chris Wiffen chairperson, Carol Shewfelt, Suanne Wettlaufer, Wendy Wagler and Tory Zehr (board representative).

FOOD FOR FRIENDS

The members of Pastoral Care and Outreach and helpers will be cooking casserole again next Tuesday. As well as delivering them to members of our Community of Faith, we also want to get the word out that we freeze some for members of the larger Tavistock and area community.

Anyone in need can come and pick up a frozen casserole (single or double portions) on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 2-4pm. No registration is required. We can also deliver. The next pick up is **Wednesday 27th October**.

Please help us get the word out there – and if you know anyone that would benefit from a cooked meal, please pass on their details to Grace United office (519 655 2151)

**This project is made possible by a grant from
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*Sharing God's love through
food and hospitality.*

Notice of Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, October 31** following worship for the purpose of electing new representatives to serve on Session, Church Board, Trustees and Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council (WOW-RC) representatives. Nominations are now being accepted for Session (2), Board (2), and Trustees (1). We have two nominations for representatives for WOW-RC. Please prayerfully consider serving on Session, Board or Trustees.

Zoom meeting is available for those who wish attend virtually. Please let us know before hand if you would like to attend by Zoom by contacting Katherine in office 519 655 2151.

GRACE'S GREAT BAKE

AUCTION!



October 31st

Zion Hall. After Church



Come and have some fun!

Bid for your favorite dessert!

Treat bags for kids too!



CAMP BIMINI

Drive-Thru Dinner

Sunday November 14, 2021
at St. Marys United Church Parking Lot

4:45pm- 6:00pm

Loin of Pork Chasseur (Tomato sauce with olives and mushrooms)

Rotini Arrabiata (Tossed in garlic, parmesan, and olive oil)

also available with no Parmesan

Seasonable Vegetables

Brownies

(Feel free to add your own ice cream, no extra charge)

Adults \$20

Children 12 years and under \$10

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
TO ORDER TICKETS BY
NOVEMBER 7TH, VISIT
WWW.CAMPBIMINI.CA
OR CALL SUSAN AT 519-440-2908